medium and the image processing section having an apparatus outputting the image data to the printing apparatus.

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26. A printing method as claimed in claim 25, wherein the printing head is an ink jet head ejecting ink onto the printing medium.

27. A printing method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the ink jet head has electro-thermal converting element applying thermal energy to ink to eject the ink by utilizing the thermal energy.--

## <u>REMARKS</u>

Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 13-27 have been added.

Applicants respectfully request early and favorable consideration, and early passage to issue, of this divisional application.

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